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The Red Alliance won the competition at last weekend's FIRST in Michigan robotics competition at Belleville High School. Belleville High School's Belleவில்ains 6615 team was a part of the winning alliance, along with BraveBots 4391 of Gladstone and Linc-Bots 6538 of Ypsilanti. There are 11,527 teams worldwide who are competing for top spots. World finals are set for April 29 through May 2 in Houston, TX.

Sumpter resident charged by FBI with sex trafficking of minor

Bryce Silas Patterson, 30, of Sumpter Township was taken into custody last week after a criminal complaint was filed in federal court charging him with sex trafficking of a minor, sexual exploitation of children, and possession of child pornography.

This was announced Monday by U.S. Attorney Jerome F. Gorgon, Jr. Patterson appeared in federal court and was ordered detained by a magistrate judge. A preliminary examination was set for April 2.

According to the criminal complaint, agents with the Southeast Michigan trafficking and Exploitation Crimes (SEMTEC) Task Force conducted an undercover operation to recover a minor who was believed to be the victim of sex trafficking.

Information gathered by the agents revealed that Patterson posted advertisements for

commercial sex, which included photos of minor girls, on a commonly used website. In addition to posting the ads, Patterson would arrange for the transportation of the minor on sex dates and collect payments from the minor victims.

A search of Patterson's cellular device revealed images and a video which contained child sexual abusive material, which Patterson had created depicting one of the minor victims he trafficked. SEMTEC Agents were assisted by Sumpter Township Police in arresting him last week.

"These alleged crimes are disgusting. SEMTEC is designed to hunt down sex traffickers who try to sell our children. And we are honored to do this good work with our federal, state, and local partners," said U.S. Attorney Gorgon.

Sumpter Police Chief Eric Luke stated, "The Sumpter Township Police Department

extends its sincere appreciation to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for their dedicated efforts and professionalism in successfully identifying and apprehending Patterson, a resident of Sumpter Township, for the alleged crimes stated in the complaint. The commitment to protecting the vulnerable individuals and pursuing justice has a direct and meaningful impact

on the safety and well-being of our residents. We remain steadfast in our shared mission to safeguard our community from those who seek to do harm."

This case is being investigated by the FBI and Sumpter Township Police Department. Anyone with information about this case or who may be a victim is asked to call the FBI at (313) 965-2323.

Jordan Winn arraigned in shooting death of Sumpter Twp. woman

On March 22, Jordan Dejuan Winn of Sumpter Township was arraigned out-county on a charge through the Wayne County Prosecutor's office of weapons-firearms / careless discharge causing injury or death.

He was given personal bond of \$100,000 and must wear a tether. He must not

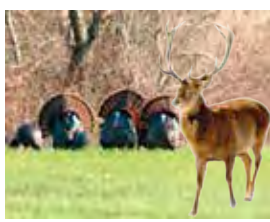
purchase or possess firearms or any weapons. His probable cause court date is March 31 in 34th District Court. Preliminary exam is April 7.

At about 4:10 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, Sumpter Township police responded to a report of a shooting on Edgewood Drive

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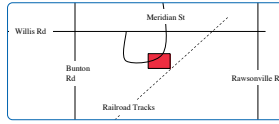
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Winn

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within the Rawsonville Woods mobile home community.

Upon arrival, officers discovered a 20-year-old female lying in the street with a gunshot wound to her chest. Despite efforts to save her, she was pronounced dead, according to an online press release on the police Facebook page.



Winn

The suspected shooter, a male, was in custody, and two other individuals were detained for questioning. The victim and the detainees know each other; there is no ongoing threat to the community, police said.

On channel 4 television a neighbor said there had been late-night, loud parties at the address of the shooting, some lasting until 4 a.m. or 5 a.m.

The neighbor said the day of the shooting there had been loud arguments and a young woman came out of the home and then tried to get back in. She was pounding on the door and calling to let her in. Then she was allowed inside, the neighbor said.

The neighbor said, once the woman was inside the home, she heard a boom. Then she said she heard another woman cry out, "You shot her. Hide the gun. Hide the gun."

She said it took 15 minutes for an emergency crew to arrive and they worked on the young woman, but could not save her.

Sumpter Twp. home-invasion suspect bound over to circuit court

According to Sumpter Township police reports, on Thursday, Feb. 12, at about 5:22 a.m., Sumpter police responded to Rustic Lane East in the Rawsonville Woods mobile home community following a report of a possible home invasion.

The 911 caller stated that a male had arrived at her residence and was possibly armed, threatening the occupants, and attempting to force entry. The caller, who is also the homeowner, explained that the suspect is involved in an ongoing domestic violence situation with her sister, who was also present inside the home after leaving the residence she shares with the male in Lincoln Park.

Before officers arrived, additional 911 calls informed dispatch that the male suspect had just forced entry into the residence.

Upon arrival of the first responding officer, the officer immediately entered the home, confronted the suspect, and detained him

without further incident. The investigation later revealed that multiple occupants had a firearm pointed at them and were threatened, and there was visible damage to the entry door.

Two handguns were recovered: one near where the suspect was initially confronted inside the residence and another inside his registered vehicle, which was left running in the roadway. Both handguns were unregistered; one lacked an engraved serial number. The firearms were accompanied by extended and drum-style high-capacity magazines. The defendant does not possess a concealed pistol license in Michigan.

Additionally, the vehicle contained hundreds of improperly marked pills. Those will be tested for controlled substances by the Michigan State Police forensic laboratory, and, based on the results, additional charges will be sought if warranted.

The defendant, Patrick Kalange Gatt, 28, was arraigned outcounty on Saturday, Feb. 14, on the following charges approved by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office:

- Home invasion 1st degree
- Assault with a dangerous weapon (x2)
- Weapons - felony firearm (x3)

Cash or surety bond was set at \$50,000, with a GPS tether required.

On Feb. 17 the case was reviewed at 34th District Court and a probable cause conference set for Feb. 24 and a preliminary exam for March 3.

On March 3, the defendant failed to appear for his court date and a bench warrant was issued for failure to appear. Bond was raised to \$100,000 cash.

It was learned the defendant was in Wyandotte Hospital, so he was scheduled for an in-custody video arraignment later that day. His in-person preliminary exam was rescheduled for March 17 and the cash bond of \$50,000 reinstated.

It was learned he had been released from the hospital on March 3, that same day, and had refused treatment. He is ordered to have no contact with the victims and to wear a GPS tether under house arrest.

On March 4, his \$50,000 surety bond was posted by Detroit Bail Bonds.

On March 17, he waived his preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information.



Gatt

Sumpter Twp. resident jury trial set for Aug. 13 for girlfriend's murder

David Paul McPherson, 39, of Sumpter Township is charged with second-degree murder and a weapons charge on June 29, 2025 in Sumpter Township.

McPherson was video-arraigned in custody on July 31, 2025 by Judge Lisa Martin at 34th District Court on charges filed by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

His probable cause conference was set for Aug. 13 and a preliminary exam for Aug. 20. The exam was adjourned to Oct. 2 because his retained attorney was not available for earlier dates. Cash bond is \$1 million.

A pre-exam hearing was held and he was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Oct. 9. Final conference was Dec. 5 and jury trial set for March 2. He remains in custody. Motion hearings to quash information were held Dec. 15 and Jan. 8. The motion on Jan. 8, 2026 was denied. Final conference and motion hearing was set for Jan. 30.

Final conference was Feb. 6 and a jury trial was set for March 2 and then adjourned until Aug. 13. A final conference was set for March 20.

He told police his 24-year-old girlfriend Haleigh Price committed suicide on Montana Street in Sumpter Township. She had recently graduated from Eastern Michigan University. But Sumpter Township police investigated the death further and found it to be a homicide.

If convicted, McPherson faces up to life in prison for the murder charge and up to two years for the felony firearm charge.

Alleged shooter in VBT killing at Parkwood bound over to face trial

Carlos Isaiah Payne, 30, of Van Buren Township is charged with second-degree murder, two counts of interfering with a crime report/threaten to kill or harm witnesses, and one count of felony firearm on Nov. 3, 2025 at Parkwood apartments in Van Buren Township.



Payne

He was video-arraigned in custody on Jan. 8 from the Wayne County Jail. His probable cause conference was set for Jan. 20 and preliminary exam for Jan. 27. Bond is \$200,000/10%.

On Jan. 20, the probable cause conference was moved to Feb. 3 and the exam set for

March 10. Then it was reset for March 18 so the defense attorney could get discovery.

On March 18 the exam was held and Judge Lisa Martin bound him over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information.

The defendant remains in the Wayne County Jail.

Van Buren School Board hears report on safety measures in district

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At Monday's meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, Dan Wright, director of school safety, gave his annual update on safety procedures, policies, and vision.

He did not mention the threat to McBride Middle School that promised to shoot up the school on March 19. Some parents kept their students home that day.

Wright said the keys to security are "prevention, preparedness and community working together." He said now visitor entries require sign-ins, facility use is monitored during and after hours, and the buildings are SEC inspected. Threat assessment and management is required by the state and every building has a Medical Emergency Response Team trained and in place. Medical safety training is taught by the school district nurse.

He said the buildings are safe and lockdowns are practiced. He said 40 staff members went to the Van Buren Township Police gun range to learn more about guns last summer.

Wright said a big document, the Emergency Operation Plan, was just updated. He said on July 1 the state is coming up with an updated focus. He said the new cell phone policy for schools is separate for emergencies.

He said he meets daily with the police officers who are school resource officers and is looking into what other schools are doing. He said the teachers are more confident since they know the procedures.

School board president Amy Pearce suggested a newsletter go out twice a year so families can hear about the procedures. Wright said he sends such a newsletter to staff and could put it in community resources on line.

President Pearce said it would be good for them to know what the school does, and "what happens if x or y happens." She said they should use any way to get information out to parents because the staff has been taught and they know what to do.

Wright said the school will not let a parent go in to get their kid and in every classroom is a poster saying the three steps in an emergency: Classroom Hold, Shelter in Place, and Secure Mode.

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial:

Robotics team wins big in competition last weekend

Belleville High School has been hosting the FIRST Michigan robotics competition since 2018, with two years off for COVID, but this is the first year they came off in the top alliance that will go on to state competition.

The Bellevillians 6615 team was a part of the Red Alliance, with other Red Alliance members from Gladstone and Ypsilanti. Those are the kids who will be heading to state next month.

There are 11,527 teams worldwide who are competing for top spots in their areas, hoping to get to the international competition. World finals are set for April 29 through May 2 in Houston, TX.

The BHS team got approval early from the school board to go to Houston, if invited. In 2025, it was a last-minute scramble to get permission and air fare and other details to go to Houston, but they got there and loved it.

Over the weekend, there was a power outage at the high school during the competition, but it was only for five minutes, and the generators kicked in and all was well.

We congratulate the Bellevillians and their mentors who work hard together and with others from other schools that they have come to know over the years.

We know they will make us all proud with the competition moving forward. We've got robotics teams all the way down to the elementary schools, so there's no end to the wins coming up.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

We learned that Edgemont Elementary School had its roof blown off last week, which brought water inside, and students had three days off while they fixed it.

A person committed suicide with a gun at the Dollar Tree in New Boston. That was announced at the recent Belleville DDA meeting.

McBride Middle School had a gun threat from one or more students, telling students not to come to school on March 19. Many parents kept their students home that day.

Reportedly, there were threats on a door in the boys' restroom, sticky notes, and other warnings. A letter was sent to parents by the principal, without describing the threat.

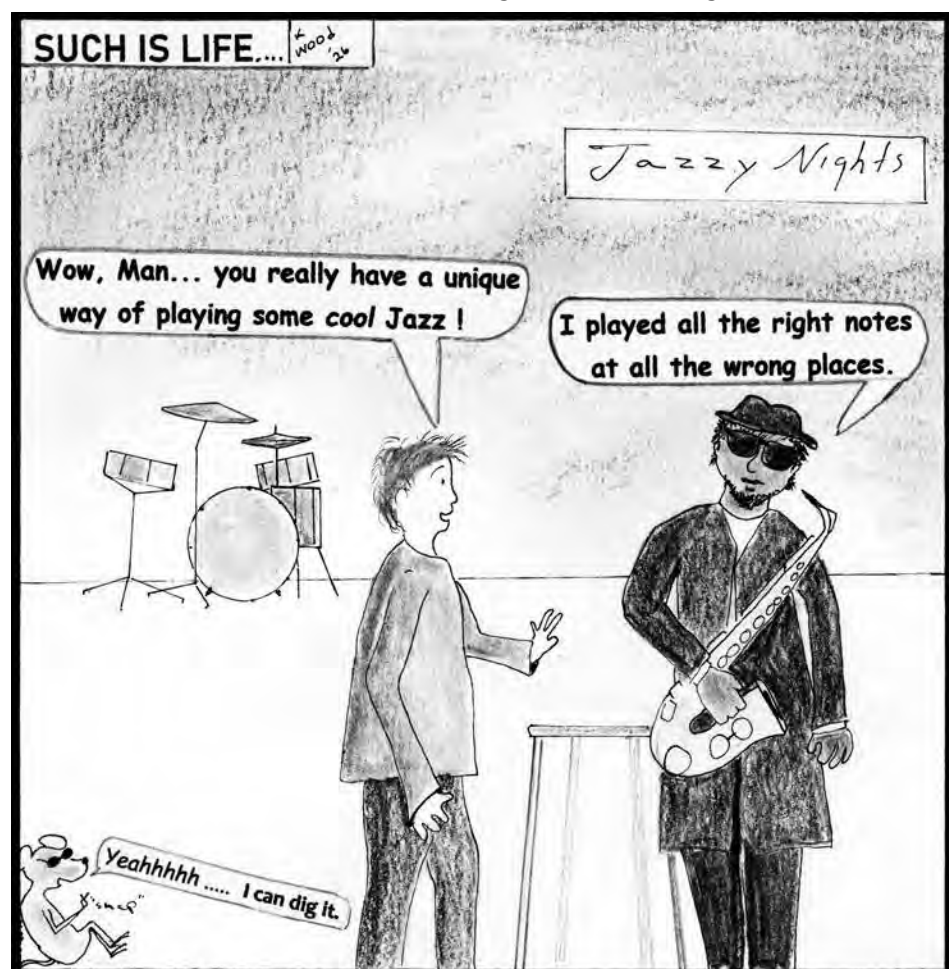
Social media said it was a threat telling no one to come to school on March 19 because someone was bringing a gun to school to shoot up the place.

I got a kick out of a comment on the Belleville DDA follow-up list for the March 18 meeting: "Asses/Purchase more? -- Spring 2026." It actually was referring to benches and picnic tables and DDA director/interim city manager Steve Jones meant to write "assess" instead of what was printed.

He said he recently had updated the follow-up list to get rid of unnecessary items and shorten the list.

We received a letter from a reader who emphasized it is not a letter to the editor. He said the last time he signed his name to a letter his house was paint-balled, his car

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



keyed, and air let out of his tires.

Never heard that response to a letter before, but people are getting unwilling to disagree nicely these days.

This person wanted to talk about the recent anti-ICE demonstration outside at the high school and the counter-demonstration from the St. Anthony property next door. He wants to know if St. Anthony church gave permission for those pro-Trump students to be on its property or were they trespassing?

He wrote: "... very publicly the pope, bishops, cardinals, priests and nuns have condemned ICE ... and not favoring Trump." He condemned the letter writer who placed blame on the police chief for not helping the demonstrators to learn the rules under the law.

We've had calls and in-person visits from people who opposed the round-about planned for Main and Third streets in the city of Belleville. They are sure it's going to tie up traffic, rather than move it along. They don't think there is enough room for it without more property, although the mayor says they won't have to use any private property.

Everyone who has commented say they are glad there won't be a round-about at Five Points.

One gentleman who lives in the neighborhood says when the traffic is heavy he will walk to the light at Third so he can cross safely. Now, where will he

cross, he asks. He said that round-abouts often are accident-prone.

Another man wants us to publish a drawing of how it's going to look because he, too, thinks there is not enough room.

Others mention that big trucks will stop coming through town, which would be a good thing, they say. A few say they won't use Main Street because they don't like round-abouts.

One reader said she has woken up at 3 in the morning -- twice -- worrying about the round-about. It's making her crazy thinking about it, she said.

The mayor said they will need until next year to construct this, so there will be time to draw up specifications and go out for bids.

On Saturday morning, at about 10:30, there was a call over dispatch from Van Buren Township police, saying it is calling Michigan State Police and the Michigan Department of Transportation because a semi truck was stuck under a bridge.

It turned out it was on Van Born Road between Haggerty and Hannan. Van Born was closed on Saturday as they removed the truck and checked the I-275 bridge to make sure it was safe.



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Letters

Clarification on search for city fire chief

To the editor:

In light of the article in the March 19 edition as it pertains to the selection of fire chief, I think some clarification is in order. When there is a high-level administrative position to be filled in any area of government, it is wise to follow best practices. It is particularly so in a smaller community where everyone knows everyone else. The goal is to make a rational decision based on objective criteria.

In my opinion, the best way to do that in any-sized community is to include individuals who are expert in their respective field but who do not know the applicants and thus don't have any "skin in the game" in order to keep the process as objective as possible.

This is how the hiring process for the fire chief position has been handled to date. We had two people involved in the interviews that are current or former fire department command officers who are not from our community. They asked each of the applicants the same questions and used a scoring rubric to rate each of the applicants. An aggregate score for each of the applicants was then tallied using the scoring rubric and the pool of applicants was arranged in order of their score.

The top three applicants then move on to a second round of interviews with the city manager and the director of public safety. They in turn will make a recommendation to city council for final approval.

None of the members of council including myself has been involved in the selection process to this point and I believe that it is unfair to infer that there has been bias from any member of council that has in any way interfered with the process.

If there is anyone who has questions about the above or anything else pertaining to city operations, they should feel free to contact me or any of the other members of council.

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McBride parents, guardians sent letter about threat

(Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to parents and guardians at McBride Middle School on March 16. Social media said it was a threat telling no one to come to school on March 19 because someone was bringing a gun to school to shoot up the place.)

Dear McBride Parents and Guardians,

We want to make you aware of a situation that has recently been brought to our attention. A message stating, "Don't Come to School, March 19th," has been circulating through a third-party texting application and was also reportedly written on a stall in one of the boys' bathrooms and shared on social media.

Please know that we take any message of this nature very seriously. Our School Resource Officers and our Director of Security have been made aware of the situation and are actively investigating the matter. At this time, there is no confirmed threat to our school; however, we are continuing to work closely with local law enforcement to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

We encourage parents to speak with their children about the importance of reporting anything they see or hear that could impact the safety of our school community. If your child has any information related to this matter, please encourage them to report it to a staff member or school administrator immediately. Also, anyone can contact Okay2Say anonymously with any information related to this or any matter that impacts our school or students' safety.

The safety and well-being of our students and staff remain our highest priority. We will continue to keep you informed if there are any updates.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in keeping our school community safe.

Humbly,
Tracy Bryant, principal
McBride Middle School

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Denton Faith United Methodist Church lists holy week services

To the editor:

Please list our holy week services at Denton Faith United Methodist Church 6020 Denton Rd., Van Buren Township MI 48111.

- Psalm Sunday, March 29, 9:30 a.m. worship service.
- Maundy Thursday service, April 2, 6 p.m., brief homily followed by the meal served by Jesus at the last supper.
- Good Friday service, noon, seven different speakers giving a brief homily on the last words of Jesus from the cross, followed by light refreshments.
- Easter Sunday, April 5, 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Also, could you make note that on Friday, June 26, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Denton Faith will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive. This is a vital link between willing blood donors and the patients whose lives they help save. You can sign up for this important service by calling the church at (734) 483-2276 or come to the church on Monday or Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on either day to sign up for the June 26 blood drive. Please take the time out to support this important event. Your help is needed.

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To the editor:

There is one week left of our Belleville Area Museum/Western Wayne County Quilt Guild quilt show. Admission is \$5. Stop by to see the patriotic quilts and other beautiful quilts.

On Friday, March 27, two sisters will talk about their Sister Quilt. On Saturday, March 28, Mary H. will show her Mini Quilts.

The WWCQG Raffle Quilt is on display and tickets are \$1 ea. The income helps with service projects.

Take Down and Send Home, of the quilts on loan, will be Thursday, April 2, and Saturday, April 4.

Thank you so much to our sponsors, the Belleville Area Museum, the Belleville Area District Library, Brown Funeral Home, Keith Johnston for raffle tickets and the *Independent* newspaper for our articles.

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To the editor:

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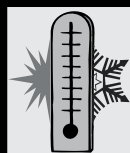
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Daniel Edward Dubisky

DANIEL DUBISKY
 September 5, 1968 – March 17, 2026
 Daniel Edward Dubisky, 57, of Belleville, Michigan died on 03/17/2026 in New Boston, Michigan. Dan (Harpo) Dubisky was born in Wayne on September 5, 1968 to Sharon and Edward Dubisky, and grew up in Belleville, Michigan. Dan attended Belleville High School, graduating in 1986 before going to work at Ford Motor Company where he would retire after 25 years. Dan was preceded in death by mother Sharon and father Edward, and is survived by children Emily Dubisky, Thomas (Adam) Dubisky, Rai Miller, Brittney (James) Potter, and two brothers Lloyd Dubisky and David (Terry) Dubisky. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday March 29, 2026 at Ford UAW Local 182 in Livonia, Michigan, 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

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Patricia Lynn Mracna

PATRICIA LYNN MRACNA
 February 6, 1949 – March 17, 2026
 Patricia Lynn Mracna, age 77, of Canton, MI, passed away Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at her home, under hospice care. She was born February 6, 1949, in Wayne, MI, daughter of Wayne Hardey & Wandalene Marie (Cottrell) Hedges. She was a member of the Belleville High School Class of 1967. Patty enjoyed playing computer games, especially Candy Crush. She also enjoyed watching television and was a huge Judge Judy fan. She was a member of the Canton Club, and she loved to dance. Most of all, Patty loved her family and time spent with her grandchildren. Mrs. Mracna is survived by her husband Stephen John Mracna; daughter Angela Wanshon of Canton, MI; two step-daughters Lisa Ann Peterson of Plymouth, MI, and Deanna (John) Hawley of Livonia, MI; 3 grandchildren Devin, Daniel, and Drake Wanshon; two step-grandchildren Hunter Peterson and Hailey Dial; 11 great-grandchildren; also a sister Waynetta Wobbe of Canton, MI. Patty was preceded in death by her parents, also a nephew, Gary Wobbe. Visitation and funeral were Saturday, March 21, 2026, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Brian Wilkerson officiated. Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of her family and would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com

LEONA PEARL HOGGARTH
 February 12, 1933 – March 19, 2026
 Age 93. Survived by 5 children, 14 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren. Predeceased by her parents, husband David, 2 children, 3 sisters. David and Leona were founding members of the Yankee Air Force. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Margaret Ann White

MARGARET ANN WHITE

March 30, 1955 – March 17, 2026

Margaret Ann "Marge" White, age 70, long-time Belleville resident, passed away Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at Trinity Health Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born March 30, 1955, in Highland Park, MI, daughter of Stanley Anthony & Tilda Temple (Marchbanks) Zdun. Marge was a member of the Belleville High School class of 1974. She proudly drove a school bus for nearly 30 years for Van Buren Public Schools. She earned her certification and was a trainer of many drivers.

She loved children and enjoyed being a paraprofessional for several years as well. She was a former member of Bethany Bible Church where she spent a lot of time working in the Day Care. Following her retirement, she enjoyed a few years as a medical courier for St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. In her free time, Marge enjoyed numerous crafts, quilting, cake decorating, and loved her flowers.

Mrs. White was preceded in death by her beloved husband Thomas White, as well as her parents. She is survived by her brother Anthony Zdun of Belleville, MI, nephew Marc Anthony Zdun of Ann Arbor, MI, her best friend Leslie Leposky of Sumpter Township, MI, also her cherished mini Australian Shephard, Teddy.

A Memorial Service will be Friday, April 10, 2026, at 7 p.m., at Redemption Bible Church, 6538 Rawsonville Road, Van Buren Twp., MI 48111.

Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734)697-4500. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Redemption Bible Church, and would be appreciated.
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BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, March 26** – Varsity Baseball vs. Lincoln Park, 4:30 p.m.; Lacrosse vs. Divine Child, JV 5 p.m., Varsity 7 p.m.

Jamie Cichowski, Athletic Secretary
Belleville High School



Elizabeth Ann Patterson

ELIZABETH ANN PATTERSON

May 17, 1955 – March 11, 2026

Elizabeth Ann Patterson, lovingly known as Liz, passed away on March 11, 2026, at the age of 70.

Born on May 17, 1955, Elizabeth lived a life defined by resilience, strength, and deep connection to her family. She spent the majority of her life in Belleville, where she built lasting relationships and memories.

Elizabeth is survived by her siblings: Kathy, Linda, Gloria, Debbie, Primitivo IV, Jeffrey, Deidre, Erin, and David.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Primitivo III and Sarah Gutierrez, and her brothers Jimmy and Willie.

Elizabeth's life was rooted in family, and she leaves behind a legacy of love, shared memories, and enduring strength. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew her.

A celebration of life was held on March 21.

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March 29, 2026: National Vietnam War Veterans Day in Michigan

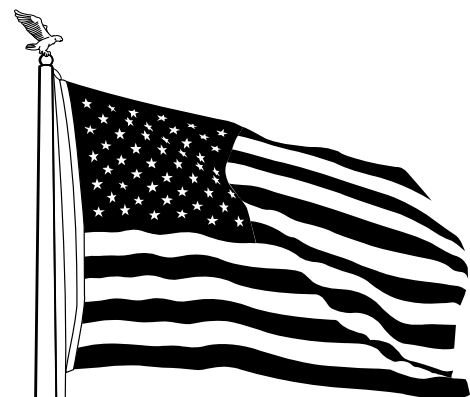
WHEREAS, on March 29, 1975, the last U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam; and, **WHEREAS**, more than 400,000 Michigan residents served the nation in Vietnam, more than 2,600 sacrificed their lives; and, **WHEREAS**, between 1964 and 1975 more than three million Americans left their homes and families and served overseas in a series of battles and conflicts of the Vietnam War; and,

WHEREAS, of Michigan's sons and daughters who served in the military during the Vietnam War, 2,657 were killed in action, 36 were held as prisoners of war, and 48 still remain unaccounted for; and, **WHEREAS**, of the 7,301,000 Vietnam veterans, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that 201,285 reside in Michigan, ranking 12th in the nation; and, **WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan recognizes the men and women who served with honor during more than a decade of fighting in the challenging terrains of Southeast Asia, where they faced extraordinary and unprecedented dangers; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan is grateful to those who fought in this conflict and are grateful for their bravery and inspiring service. The servicemen and women who served in the

Vietnam War represent the definition of courage, honor, and sacrifice; and, **WHEREAS**, the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 officially designated March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day annually;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, and Garlin Gilchrist II, lieutenant governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2026, as National Vietnam War Veterans Day in Michigan, and I call this observance to all Michigan residents.



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By Janet Millard
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In another week Easter will be here and I certainly hope you didn't miss The Bake Shoppe ad last week with their wonderful bakery items. If you did, please stop by and pick up another copy from us or go online to our website where you can read the entire paper from front to back.

March 29 is the day we annually celebrate National Vietnam War Veterans Day. Welcome Home!

Here are two more Easter events: Saturday, March 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in downtown Willis. Visit and lunch at 10101 Willis. Take your own pictures with the bunny.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 5, at 1 p.m. Games, snacks and fun at Abundant Harvest Church, 51185 Willis Rd. Feel free to call for details (734) 341-7658.

Registration is open for Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue 17th-annual golf outing at Green Oaks Golf Course



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Blue Star Service Dogs are holding a 2026 Bingo Fundraiser at Fellows Creek Golf Course on April 15 at 6 p.m. The \$40 fee includes a taco bar and soft drinks, Bingo cards and markers (cash bar available). The ticket deadline is April 1 – call Sharon (734) 624-4380. Bingo seems to be making a comeback and this is a very worthy cause.

Do you have an item you would like to see in this column? Call Janet Millard at (734) 699-9020.

Birthdays

March 28 – Jazzmin Hooks, Sophie Smolinski, Arieah and Naiyah Chavez
March 31 – Michael Boelter
April 1 – John Smolinski
April 2 – Millie Baker

Do you or does someone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* and we will publish it as soon as possible.

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, April 6 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
• Tuesday, April 7 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed.
• Wednesday, April 8 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
• Thursday, April 9 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
• Monday, April 13 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
• Tuesday, April 14 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library board, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, April 20 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
• Tuesday, April 21 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed.

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Cor'ron Claudin of VBT wins full scholarship from Western Golf Ass'n

Cor'ron Claudin, a resident of Van Buren Township, has been awarded a full, four-year housing and tuition college scholarship for golf caddies.

He is a student at Walled Lake Western High School and a caddie at Franklin Hills Country Club. He lives with his mother Nicole who is a registered nurse.

The Western Golf Association's Chick Evans Scholarship is the nation's largest privately funded scholarship program and by the end of the 2025-26 selection process, an estimated 380 caddies from across the country are expected to receive the Evans Scholarship.

Cor'ron earned the scholarship by meetings four selection criteria: a strong caddie record, excellent academics, demonstrated financial need, and outstanding character.

The full tuition and housing college scholarship is valued at an estimated \$125,000 over four years.

Cor'ron is one of 31 caddies in Michigan who will be awarded the Evans Scholarship this year. Currently, a record 1,260 are enrolled at 27 universities nationwide as Evans Scholars and more than 12,575 caddies have graduated as Evans Scholars since the program began.

Selection interviews were held at Western Golf & Country Club in Redford, MI, on Jan. 6 and 7.

The winners will begin college in the fall of 2026 as Evans Scholars with most to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor or Michigan State University in East Lansing. Their awarded schools will be finalized this spring.

The Western Golf Association, headquartered in Glenview, IL, has supported the Chick Evans Scholarship Program through the Evans Scholars Foundation since 1930, when it was founded by famed Chicago amateur golfer Charles "Chick" Evans, Jr.

. Known as one of golf's favorite charities, it is the nation's largest scholarship program for caddies.

"These students exemplify the work ethic, integrity, and commitment that



Cor'ron Claudin

define the Evans Scholarship," said Mark Bond, a WGA director and the Michigan State Chair. "Michigan's golf community continued to expand youth caddie opportunities, and we're proud to support these young men and women as they take this next step."

Evans Scholars have a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 and a 98% graduation rate. An estimated 40% are first-generation college students, and 96% are employed or enrolled in graduate school within six months of graduating.

Funds for the Evans Scholarship come mostly from contributions by more than 43,500 supporters across the country who are members of the Evans Scholars Par Club program. Evans Scholars Alumni donate more than \$15 million annually, and all proceeds from the BMW Championship, the penultimate PGA TOUR Playoff event in the PGA TOUR's FedExCup competition, benefit the Evans Scholars Foundation.

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Photo courtesy of Elena Manalf, VBT Communications Dept. Joyce and Walter Rochowiak, center, of Van Buren Eagles 3996 stand with their Eagles fund-raising team and a ceremonial check for the \$22,200 the Eagles raised for Parkinson's Research. The check is made out to the Kirk Gibson Foundation for Parkinson's and the real check was presented the Gibson representative, Brenda Lanker, at left. Joyce Rochowiak explained the Eagles had the big fund-raising event in October and made \$17,000. Then they contacted the Eagles' State Parkinson's Committee that added another \$5,000. Another \$200 check was added to the total. "Parkinson's disease is the fastest-growing neurological disease in the U.S., affecting over one million Americans. Although progress is being made in the search for a cure, people need help fighting the effects every single day. This need is the inspiration behind the Kirk Gibson Foundation for Parkinson's," Kirk Gibson said.

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"We've received questions about recent news reports on Project Cannoli.

"Project Cannoli in Van Buren Township remains a 1.0 GW project and there has been no request to change the parameters of the project.

"Some reports also mention 2.7 GW. That number includes Project Cannoli plus 1.7 GW from Google's broader investment in clean, renewable energy that supports the power grid.

"The 2.7 is not an expansion of the Van Buren Township site."

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Pastor Robert White celebrates 30 years at Grace Baptist Church

To the editor:

Grace Baptist Church is celebrating a remarkable milestone this year as Pastor Robert White marks his 30th anniversary of dedicated service to the congregation and community.

For three decades, Pastor White has faithfully led the church with a steady commitment to preaching the Word of God, shepherding his congregation, and strengthening the spiritual foundation of countless families.

Since beginning his ministry at Grace Baptist Church, Pastor White has been known for his heartfelt preaching, biblical conviction, and compassionate leadership. Under his guidance, the church has experienced a deepening of faith and unity among its members. His emphasis on the truth of Scripture and the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ has left a lasting impact on generations.

Throughout his tenure, Pastor White has walked alongside his congregation through life's most meaningful moments -- celebrating weddings, dedicating children, offering counsel in difficult times, and bringing comfort during seasons of loss. His ministry has extended beyond the pulpit, officiating over 300 funerals in Belleville and surrounding communities, reflecting a genuine love for people and a calling to serve.

A significant part of Pastor White's ministry has been the unwavering support of his family. His wife, Becky, has faithfully served alongside him, contributing not only as a pastor's wife but also as a vital partner in ministry, including her role as church secretary. Together, they have set an example of dedication, humility, and



Pastor Robert White and wife Becky

service. Their children, along with their spouses and now grandchildren, have also played an important role in supporting the life and work of the church, often sacrificing personal time to invest in the ministry.

Members of Grace Baptist Church describe Pastor White as a shepherd with a servant's heart -- one who leads with integrity, teaches with clarity, and cares deeply for his flock. His leadership has helped shape the church into a place where individuals and families can grow in their faith and find a strong sense of community.

As the church reflects on the past 30 years, there is a shared sense of gratitude for Pastor White's faithfulness and a renewed excitement for the future. The anniversary celebration serves not only as a time to honor his legacy but also as a reminder of God's continued work through his ministry.

Grace Baptist Church commemorated the occasion with a special banquet and time of recognition, inviting members, friends, and the community to join in celebrating a pastor whose life has been devoted to serving God and others. Music was provided by Gary Duty and Sound Doctrine. It was a time enjoyed by all who attended.

Pastor White's 30-year milestone stands as a testament to enduring faith, steadfast leadership, and a lifelong commitment to the calling of ministry.

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City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SESSION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Belleville will hold a **Special Meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**

Location:
Belleville City Hall (New Building)
Council Chambers
330 Charles St.
Belleville, Michigan 48111

This meeting is open to the public in accordance with the **Michigan Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended.**

Posted: March 23, 2026

Published: March 26, 2026

By: Briana Papin
City Clerk/Treasurer

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDINANCE 03-03-26 NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees, the second reading of the following proposed amendment to the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance 5-2-17(2) was approved and is hereby adopted:

ORDINANCE 03-03-26: Creation of the Mixed Residential Overlay District & Mixed Residential District. Proposed amendments to the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance as follows:

MROD, Mixed Residential Overlay District: Chapter 6 in Article 6: called MROD, Mixed Residential Overlay District. The amendments will include language specifying intent, definitions, overlay district concept, overlay district boundaries, administration, permitted and special land uses, building envelope standards, parking, loading and access management, architectural and site design standards, landscaping and screening.

MRD, Mixed Residential District: Section 3.122 MRD, Mixed Residential District. The amendments will include a statement of purpose for the zoning district, list of permitted uses, list of special land uses, dimension requirements, footnotes and required conditions.

A true copy of the proposed Ordinance may be viewed and inspected at the office of the Township Clerk located at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan during recent business hours, Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The adopted Zoning Ordinance amendment will be effective seven (7) days after the date of publication.

Adopted: March 17, 2026
Published: March 26, 2026
Effective: April 3, 2026

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Board member Cal Hawkins said when you look across the country, "they're not prepared." The old way was to get away from windows, but, "That won't work with an active shooter."

Board secretary Darlene Loyer Gerick said it's not only in schools, but now it's churches. Wright said he met with a local church recently to give it information.

"I feel safer in any one of our schools, than Meijer or the bank," Wright said.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak said he wanted to emphasize that teachers are not carrying guns in the school. Wright agreed, and said they just wanted to know more about guns and so went to the gun range. He said five just watched and didn't shoot. He said Van Buren police are considering opening their gun range to the public so people can learn about guns.

He said gun safety locks are available at all the schools for distribution without question.

In other business at the 55-minute meeting on March 23, the board:

- Honored music students selected from grades K-12 for their outstanding work;
- Approved Palmer Moving Services for the Rawsonville Elementary School Classroom HVAC, ceiling and lighting upgrade project in the amount of \$41,275 for move management services as presented at the last school board meeting;
- Approved the retirement of Owen teacher

Derrick Graves on Sept. 30 after two years of service;

- Approved the resignation of McBride secretary LaDonna Walker as of March 20 after 1.5 years of service;

- Approved hiring bus driver Naja Boone as of March 9;

- Heard Julien Frazier, special services director, report the district now has more foster care students and are training those involved. He said there was a Unified banquet at BHS last week, with awards. He said this is McBride's first year with Unified teams and will also have a banquet;

- Heard financial director Priya Nayak that the sale of the first bonds is set for March 31;

- Heard Jill Marvaso say there are two trainers from the University of Florida who are spending time in each of the elementary schools to stress phonics and other skills;

- Heard praise for the robotics team which will be going on to the state competition in April. Supt. Kudlak said Victor DeLibera, Wade Fields, and Mark Laginess run the competition which was held last weekend at BHS and do a top-notch job. The event at BHS started in 2018 and two years were missed during COVID. Wade said after the weekend, he got a cold. He said there was only one power outage during the competition; and

- Learned Avery Holtzheuer and Jayce Aryhart won at the Regional Great History Challenge and will be competing in the national contest.



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The ride is sponsored by Hot Rods motorcycle awareness and suicide prevention foundation.

Registration is at 10 a.m. at Love's Travel Stop, 14137 Plank Rd., Milan. Kick stands go up at 11 a.m. The group will ride on Oakville Waltz Road to Sumpter Road and then north to Belleville.

The Sumpter and Belleville police will escort the group and provide blocking of intersections.

In Belleville the group will ride to Faith Community Church at 894 E. Huron River Dr. and Pastor Doug Valentine will do the official blessing at noon. He can be reached at (734) 697-6704 for information.

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VBT supervisor McNamara welcomes Google to community

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At the beginning of the March 17 regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, supervisor Kevin McNamara read a prepared statement on newly released information about Google and the data center – and welcomed Google to his community.

“Google is the company that will own it, finance it, and run it on their own,” he began.

“If anyone has any questions about this site, our director Ron Akers and his staff have done an incredible job of taking every statement of concern and getting factual responses. Those are listed on our Van Buren home page. It is constantly upgraded as we get new questions. It is transparent, open, and fact-driven.

“This property is privately owned and zoned for industrial usage. Van Buren has named Industrial properties as the

only place to place data centers. This site has seen a lot of activity, including warehousing, trucking, and truck stops being proposed for development. All legal uses.

“Van Buren is a community of two-lane roads and we are adamantly against high-volume trucking use. We are excited to have an environmentally friendly, quiet, low-traffic and no-trucking use coming to this location. We know this because we have gone out and visited an area with multiple hyper-scale data centers. We walked the site and the neighborhoods. We spoke with the locals. They do not have sound issues.

“We are also very excited to have a company that has a track record of being a good, ethical, community partner. We have learned this from contacting other municipalities and school systems with Google centers in their area.

“In negotiations with Google, Google

has agreed to everything we have asked them to do on this site. They have 15’ high berms with 15’ high trees on the property lines, that will grow 30’ high. They have pushed back the buildings and put the cooling towers behind those buildings to mitigate off-site noise. They have agreed to eliminate light pollution.

“They are putting in \$30 million in landscaping to beautify the site. The site (for the most part) will not have sight lines from the streets into its operation. They have agreed to install the Marley “Ultra Quiet” brand cooling towers which are the quietest cooling towers on the market (and most expensive).

“As for environmental – this site is electric and the water is tap water going in and goes out to the sanitary sewer. If they ever have a power outage from their dual electric lines (hasn’t happened in ten years based on historical look up) then they use low-sulphur fuel Level 4 EPA generators and off-site battery back-up.”

He said, “People want me to beat up on

Google, but I am not going to kick Google. They could have forced this situation – but they did not. They did everything we asked in an effort to be a good community partner, and for that I am thankful.

“And, I openly welcome Google to our community,” he concluded.

There were no comments from the board or the audience and the meeting continued. In other actions, the board:

- Heard a presentation from Kurt Heise, an attorney who formerly served as supervisor of Plymouth Township, among other state elected positions. He explained the mass tort environmental litigation involving PFAs, that has been in fire fighting foam, fire extinguishers, and Teflon. Although it no longer is in production, litigation has begun against the manufacturers of the PFAs. He said the Great Lakes Water Authority should have sued, but didn’t file. They are doing the necessary testing now and the water is fine and he drinks it every day. Heise is working with a New Orleans

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES -- March 17, 2026

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Kelley, Trustee Martin, and Trustee Frazier. Absent/Excused: Clerk Wright and Trustee Boynton Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Recreation Gerhart, Deputy Police Chief Monte, Director of Water and Sewer Lawrence, Director of IT Barbaza, DDA Director Coburn, Director of Community Services Renaud, Deputy Director of Community Services Dohring, Director of Municipal Services Akers, Director of Public Services Luckett and audience of seven.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Kelley moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Martin moved, Kelley seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Work Study Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2026, Prepaid List of March 5, 2026, Prepaid List of March 12, 2026, Voucher List of March 17, 2026, Approval of the reappointment of Harlan Davenport to the Board of Construction Code of Appeals with a term to expire on February 28, 2029, Approval of the reappointment of Denise Partridge to the Water and Sewer Commission with a term to expire on June 1, 2028, Approval of the appointment of Christine McCauley to the DDA Board with a term to expire March 9, 2029, and Approval of the reappointments of Joyce Rochowiak, Jessica Thomas, and Velon Willis to the DDA Board with terms to expire March 9, 2030. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: DDA Director Coburn introduced new DDA Board member Christine McCauley and Supervisor McNamara discussed Google’s

proposed data center development in the Township.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Kelley moved, Budd seconded to approve Resolution 2026-05: Authorizing execution of the legal services agreement related to the AFFF product liability litigation. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Budd seconded to approve the selection of American Fireworks Company as the contractor for the 2026 VBT Fireworks Show on June 27 with a rain date of June 28 at a cost of \$25,000. Motion Carried.

Kelley moved, Budd seconded to approve the selection of SAK to provide sewer lining, sewer inspection, maintenance and rehabilitation needs for a period of three years with an option to extend an additional two years at a cost not to exceed \$515,000 annually. Motion Carried. Martin moved, Kelley seconded to approve a Subrecipient Agreement between Wayne County and Van Buren Township for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Award for Sidewalk Ramps in Haggerty Sub. Motion Carried.

Kelley moved, Budd seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 03-03-26 which is a zoning ordinance amendment to add housing standards in accordance with the MSHDA Housing Readiness Program. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Frazier, Kelley, Martin, Budd, and McNamara. Nays: None. Absent/Excused: Wright and Boynton. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: a member of the public spoke on multiple topics such as ICE detention centers, historical events, and socio economic status.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Budd moved, Frazier seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

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City of Belleville Public Notice



City of Belleville PUBLIC NOTICE

Hillside Cemetery Spring Clean-Up



The City of Belleville will conduct its semi-annual clean-up at Hillside Cemetery from April 13, 2026 through April 17, 2026, in accordance with Section 5 (General Maintenance) of the Hillside Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

Section 5 provides that:

“There will be a minimum of two (2) scheduled clean-ups at the cemetery to remove holiday decorations which shall generally be in November and April. The city will give notice in the city newspaper of general circulation two (2) weeks prior to the date selected. At the clean-up times, those holiday decorations which have not been removed will be removed by the city without further notice.”

In preparation for this clean-up, all lot owners and visitors are respectfully requested to remove all holiday decorations, including grave blankets, no later than April 12, 2026.

Please be advised that any items remaining on graves after this date will be removed and disposed of at the discretion of the City of Belleville, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations.

Your cooperation is appreciated as we work to maintain the beauty and upkeep of Hillside Cemetery.

Briana Papin
City Clerk

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lawfirm and invited Van Buren Township to join the suit. It will get \$50 to \$75 per resident. He said there is no cost to the township at all, no strings attached, and the funds can be spent in any way. He said this suit involved MMM and others and other manufacturers will be settling in the future, so more money will be coming;

- Approved executing the legal services agreement related to the AFFF (Aqueous Film Forming Foam) product liability litigation, as described by Heise;

- Approved the reappointment of Harlan Davenport to the Board of Construction Appeals with a term to expire Feb. 28, 2029;

- Approved the supervisor's reappointment of Denise Partridge to the Water and Sewer Commission with a term to expire June 1, 2028;

- Approved the supervisor's appointment of Christine McCarley to the Downtown Development Authority board to fill a

vacancy, with a term to expire March 9, 2029. She was introduced to the board as branch manager of Genisys, with 37 years of credit union experience;

- Approved the supervisor's reappointments of Joyce Rochowiak, Jessica Thomas, and Velon Willis to the DDA board with terms to expire March 9, 2030;

- Approved the selection of American Fireworks Company as the contractor for the 2026 VBT Fireworks Show on June 27 with a rain date of June 28 at a cost of \$25,000. The township offers to pay \$25,000 and then selects the firm with the best show for that money. American Fireworks Company won the contract for the last three years, as well;

- Approved the selection of SAK to provide sewer lining, sewer inspection, maintenance and rehabilitation needs for a period of three years with an option to extend an additional two years at a cost not to exceed \$515,000 annually. "It keeps our lines waterproof in Van Buren Township," McNamara said, later explaining that it's

easier to line than to dig up driveways. He said the township is trying to play catch-up after a lapse of work with COVID. There is money in the bank for this, he said;

- Approved a Subrecipient Agreement with Wayne County for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award of \$412,500 for sidewalk ramps in Haggerty subdivision. Specifications are being prepared by Fishbeck engineering. McNamara said the township repaired sidewalks in the subdivision and took care of work that needed to be done, but didn't do the ramps because they were too expensive.;

- Approved the second reading and adoption of a zoning ordinance amendment to add housing standards in accordance with the MSHDA (Michigan

State Housing Development Authority) Housing Readiness Program. Ron Akers, director of municipal services, said the township got a \$50,000 grant to look at housing in the township and then came up with a recommendation for a Mixed Residential Overlay District and a new Mixed Residential District; and

- Heard resident David Guernsey say he didn't want to incite violence, but he is against concentration camps in the township and if the township allows an ICE detention center to be built, he and other residents of the trailer parks where people are dumped, will be forced to arm themselves.

Absent and excused from the meeting were clerk Leon Wright and trustee Donald Boynton.

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT MASTER PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, following the public review period of at least 63 days, a public hearing will be held in person at the Belleville Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, 330 Charles St., Belleville, MI 48111, in accordance with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Act 33 of 2008, as amended (MPEA) and the Open Meetings Act, PA 267. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the City's draft Master Plan. After holding the public hearing, the Planning Commission may adopt the Master Plan.

A copy of the draft Master Plan will remain available for review at City Hall, the Belleville Area District Library, and online at: <https://bellevilleonthelake.com/>

All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Should you have any public comments on the draft Master Plan, please email comments to Steve Jones, Interim City Manager, at sjones@belleville.mi.us with the subject line "Master Plan Public Comment" or mail written comments to Steve Jones, 6 Main St. Belleville, Michigan 48111. Written comments may be submitted in person at the same address. Written comments will be received up to close of business (4:00 pm) preceding the hearing.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the City Clerk's office at least 2 days prior. The agenda and pertinent documents will be available at <https://bellevilleonthelake.com/meetings/>.

For additional project information or questions, please contact Steve Jones at 734-252-4317 or e-mail sjones@belleville.mi.us.

Briana Papin
City Clerk/Treasurer

City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville PUBLIC NOTICE SPRING LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULE

The City of Belleville Department of Public Works will conduct a special citywide leaf pickup beginning March 30, 2026, and continuing through April 10, 2026.

Due to equipment failure during the fall season, some leaf pickup was unable to be completed at that time.

To address this, crews will make one final pass through the entire city over this two-week period. Once this collection period concludes, the city will consider the 2025 fall leaf pickup program complete.

Residents are asked to follow the same placement guidelines as in previous seasons. Leaves should be placed as close to the curb as possible, but not in the gutter line. Keeping leaves out of the gutter allows proper drainage and helps our equipment collect materials more efficiently.

Because leaves remained on some lawns over the winter, there may be areas where grass has been affected. If damage occurs, city staff will return at a later date to apply topsoil and grass seed as needed to help restore affected lawns.

The City of Belleville appreciates residents' patience and cooperation as we complete this final collection effort.

Please contact the Department of Public Works with any questions (734) 697-9323 ext. 7027.

Briana Papin,
City Clerk/Treasurer

Sumpter board votes 4-2 to spend \$140,500 on supervisor's area

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

On a 4-2 vote, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees approved spending \$140,500 to remodel the township supervisor's area at township hall. This vote was at its 48-minute meeting on Feb. 24 before going into closed session.

Voting yes were supervisor Tim Bowman and trustees Tim Rush, James Frazier, and John Honey. Voting no were treasurer Bart Patterson and trustee Matthew Oddy.

Treasurer Patterson said he was shocked at the numbers. He said he had been told in a meeting with trustee Rush that it was expected to be from \$50,000 to \$55,000

and then in a meeting with supervisor Bowman that it would be \$70,000. Now, it's \$140,500.

Bowman said it would be \$13,000 just to move the PEG system, which he explained cost \$11,182 to move and then the service agreement.

"\$140,000 is just kind of crazy," Patterson continued.

"I disagree," Bowman responded.

Rush said there is \$150,000 for this project in the present budget, but Oddy pointed out the construction won't take place until next year's budget.

Oddy said the PEG should be in a centralized mechanical room. He said the

township manager is in a shoebox.

Bowman said with his project they will have a meeting room and won't have to stand around in the clerk's office to meet. He said the manager will get more room.

Rush said the PEG is already contracted for through a single provider and you can't go out for bids.

Oddy pointed out the \$84,000 in construction costs should be put out for bids, according to township policy.

"We don't always follow that policy," Bowman responded.

Bowman complained that he's been trying to get this done for five years.

The split vote approved the project.

In other business at the Feb. 24 meeting, the board:

- Unanimously passed a declaration of public safety emergency pertaining to the gravel roads. Bowman said his 90-year-old mother was on the floor "bleeding out" as the first responders took one hour and 10 minutes to get to her home on Karr Road because of the bad roads. "If I had a heart attack on Karr Road, I'm dead," Bowman said. It was noted that channel 4 did a report on the bad roads and got a million hits on the story, but no county trucks came out to work on the roads;

- Set a public hearing for March 10 at 6 p.m. on the proposed 2027 township budget. [In the March 10 meeting it was on the agenda to postpone the public hearing until 6 p.m., March 24.];

- Heard from finance officer J. Campbell that the landfill royalty check from January for \$156,859 has finally been received and it is \$25,000 less than usual. Oddy said the months of January and February are usually lower because of less landfill use due to the weather and that was especially due with this harsh winter;

- Heard DPW director Ron Tabor remind residents that water shutoffs begin on the 25th of each month for accounts that have past-due balances higher than \$200 after penalties have been calculated;

- Approved the report by township manager Ken Marten, noting the cost of paving Judd Road may be 3% higher than the \$1.7 million estimate from last July. He reported that after 27 years of accountant contract services with Cari Ford Retirement, she is retiring;

- Approved the first reading of proposed ordinance amendments for a letter of agreement with CWA; and

- Approved increasing part-time driver Rodrick Thompson's hours from less than 20 hours a week to 21-29 hours a week as of April 1.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Charter Township of Van Buren Annual Cemetery Cleaning Notice

The Department of Public Services will be conducting its annual spring cleaning at all Township cemeteries.

Spring cleaning will begin Monday, March 30, 2026

Receptacles placed on graves such as flowerpots, religious items and similar objects will be discarded if not removed before **March 30**

New items may be displayed beginning Friday, April 3, 2026

Van Buren Township provides maintenance for the following cemeteries:

Denton - 49780 Cross St. (Michigan Avenue and Denton Road)

Soop - 49250 Denton Road (South I-94 Service Drive and Denton Road)

Tyler - 39820 Tyler Road (Tyler and Hannan Roads)

Otisville - 41875 Riggs Road

For additional information contact
The Clerk's Office at 734.699.8909

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 320 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, March 15:

0009 – noise complaint, Martinsville Rd.
0254 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.
0327 – civil matter, W. Archwood Dr.
0436 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0551 – intrusion alarm, Ironwood Dr.
0743 – intrusion alarm, Harmony Ln.
0822 – intrusion alarm, Samuel Barton Dr.
0838 – disorderly, Park Estates Dr.
1051 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1131 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Oak Ln.
1349 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1425 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Water's Edge Ln.
1711 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1808 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
1847 – assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.
1922 – welfare check, Holly Ln.
2101 – property damage accident, Lohr/Bemis
2142 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty Rd.
2207 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lohr Rd./Bemis Rd.
2211 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2246 – larceny, Tyler Rd.

Monday, March 16:

0026 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0040 – misc. complaint, McBride
0336 – domestic, Denton Rd.
0419 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0441 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0742 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0748 – property damage accident, n. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
0931 – road hazard, Rawsonville Rd.
1112 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1129 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1142 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
1317 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1320 – fight, Quirk Rd.
1448 – welfare check, Lake Villa Dr.
1352 – domestic, Village Green Ln.
1412 – animal complaint, Hoeft Rd.
1521 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1615 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Sadie Ln.

1712 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1828 – animal complaint, Justine St.
1842 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1945 – warrant arrest, DDC
1924 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
1933 – juvenile complaint, Bog Rd.
2118 – 911 welfare check, Jackson St.
2230 – welfare check, Stanley Rd.
2311 – motorist assist, E. I-94 Belleville ramp / Belleville Rd.
2330 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.

Tuesday, March 17:

0039 – misc. complaint, Monroe County Jail
0058 – breaking & entering, S. Woodbury Dr.
0422 – assist other dept., S. I-275/Tyler Rd.
0501 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Southport Apartments
0520 – welfare check, Tyler Rd.
1120 – civil matter, Bayshore Dr.
1156 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1311 – civil matter, Freedom Way
1320 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1402 – civil matter, Brandi Dr.
1444 – warrant arrest, Michigan Ave.
1510 – warrant arrest, Farmington
1541 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1621 – assist fire dept., W. Walden Dr.
1648 – assist fire dept, Riggs Rd.
1722 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1915 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
1937 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2006 – intrusion alarm, Monterey Dr.

2105 – 911 welfare check, Denton Rd.
2106 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2202 – abandoned auto, WB Michigan Ave. / bypass
2231 – hospice death, Greenwood Ct.
2221 – found property/child, E. Huron River Dr.
xxxx – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
2321 – motorist assist, Michigan Ave./Denton
2340 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2342 – intrusion alarm, Revere Dr.
2356 – narcotics crime, Lake Villa Dr.
xxxx – juvenile complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Wednesday, March 18:

0016 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0034 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0105 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.
0318 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
xxxx – repossession, Denton Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Denton Rd.
0644 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0853 – juvenile complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1037 – animal complaint, Chester Ct.
1042 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd./Westlake Cir.
1123 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1132 – overdose, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1401 – harassment call, Haggerty Rd.
1455 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
1707 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1816 – found property/child, Tyler Rd.

1835 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Rawsonville Rd.
1850 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2021 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Winchester St.
2122 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2129 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2324 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2357 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Thursday, March 19:

0134 – intrusion alarm, W. Huron River Dr.
0408 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Huron River Dr./Farm Rd.
0804 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
0904 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0933 – civil matter, Denton Rd.
1005 – welfare check, Country Ln.
1021 – fraud, Anna Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Meadows Ln.
1159 – fraud, Oak Ln.
1227 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Country Walk

1310 – property damage accident, Tyler/Belleville
1342 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1345 – animal complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1345 – motorist assist, Rawsonville/S. Grove
1457 – animal complaint, Brookside Dr.
1511 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1538 – vehicle lockout, Chandler Dr.
1545 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Marlowe
1603 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1616 – property damage accident, Tyler/Haggerty
1639 – civil matter, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1837 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1942 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.
2020 – civil matter, Peachtree Ln.

2026 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
2207 – civil matter, Village Green Ln.
2331 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2353 – 911 welfare check, Water's Edge Ln.

Friday, March 20:

0127 – intrusion alarm, Martinsville Rd.
0301 – property damage accident, Beck/Ecorse
0342 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0522 – property damage accident, W. I-94/ Haggerty Rd.
xxxx – repossession, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0752 – intrusion alarm, Farm Rd.
0813 – family trouble, Cross St.
0914 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.
0904 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
1224 – motorist assist, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
1311 – noise complaint, Lake Point Blvd.
xxxx – animal complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1441 – welfare check, Montague Ave.
1504 – road hazard, Savage Rd./Martinsville Rd.
1546 – malicious destruction of property, N. Cumberland Dr.
1514 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.

1622 – juvenile complaint, Bristol Dr.
1623 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty Rd.
1648 – suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1656 – larceny, S. Bellridge Dr.
1837 – larceny, Sumpter Rd.
1901 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1950 – malicious destruction of property, Milton
1948 – road hazard, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

1955 – animal complaint, Lancaster Dr.
2009 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2023 – shooting, Parkwood
2046 – intrusion alarm, Hannan Rd.
2136 – disorderly, E. Adams
2211 – vehicle lockout, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2250 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd. / Brookview Dr.
2257 – parking complaint, Dover Ct.
2319 – parking complaint, Chester Ct.

Saturday, March 21:

0040 – mental subject, Pine Dr.
0055 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-275/Ecorse
0122 – welfare check, Denton Rd./Marina Cv.
0230 – mental subject, Tyler Rd.
xxxx – private property impound, Haggerty Rd.
0943 – civil matter, Holly Ln.
1043 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Haggerty Rd.

xxxx – suicidal person, Tyler Rd.
1143 – traffic offense, Milton Dr.
1242 – parking complaint, Christina Ln.
1252 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./S. I-94 Service
1755 – neighbor trouble, Van Born Rd.
1551 – civil matter, Freedom Way
1555 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1737 – larceny, Sheldon Rd.
1657 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
1720 – harassment call, Colony Ln.
1728 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hull Rd.

1740 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1905 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Beckley Rd.
2107 – noise complaint, Sumpter Rd.
2141 – assist other dept., Maurice Dr.
2303 – 911 welfare check, Walden Blvd.
2338 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Park Estates Dr.

Also, on this log are 127 traffic stops, 20 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 15:

0247 – domestic, Main St.
0539 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
2001 – motorist assist, Main st.
2206 – 911 welfare check, Harbour Pointe Dr.
2229 – welfare check, N. Aberdeen Ct.
xxxx – repossession, Carmell St.

Monday, March 16:

0020 – 911 welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
0332 – assist fire dept., Greylock St.
0848 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0948 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, W. Wabash Ave.
1047 – lost property/child, Fourth St.
1215 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Carmell St.
1519 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
1609 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.
1657 – property damage accident, E. Columbia Ave. / Madelon St.
1734 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.

Tuesday, March 17:

1037 – neighbor trouble, W. Columbia Ave.
1102 – domestic, Carmell St.
1456 – traffic offense, Village Park
2120 – fight, Main St.
2336 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Wexford Ave.
Wednesday, March 18:
0656 – domestic, Carmell St.
xxxx – property damage accident, South St. / E. Columbia Ave.
0742 – parking complaint, N. Liberty St.
0935 – malicious destruction of property, South St.

1404 – vehicle lockout, South St.
2050 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
Thursday, March 19:
0625 – assist fire dept., Church St.
0757 – private property/property damage accident, N. Liberty St.
1330 – private property impound, South St.
1418 – property check, Owen St.
1811 – assist fire dept., Henry St.
1923 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2123 – animal complaint, Carmell St.
2206 – harassment call, South St.
2228 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

Friday, March 20:

0609 – personal injury accident, Sumpter Rd.
0839 – animal complaint, S. Edgemont Ave.
1011 – civil matter, W. Columbia Ave.
1155 – civil matter, Main St.
1345 – threat, High St.
1425 – animal complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1930 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd.
2036 – domestic, Anaheim St.

Saturday, March 21:

0155 – 911 welfare check, N. Liberty St.
xxxx – animal complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr.
0804 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
0835 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
1007 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1423 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
1512 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
1628 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
1742 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd.
2359 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.

There are 96 reports on this week's log, 43 of which are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 15:

9136 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
0215 – fire dept. assist, Wyoming St.
0226 – juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
0322 – traffic complaint/hazard, Delaware St.
0740 – animal complaint, Willow/Martinsville
0919 – mental health call, 19000 bl. Sumpter
1224 – juvenile matter, Magnolia Dr.
1312 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
1436 – property damage accident, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1511 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1607 – suspicious person, Colorado St.
1747 – 911 hangup, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1840 – suspicious vehicle, 47000 bl. Bemis
1956 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
2054 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
2108 – assist other agency, 49000 bl. Bemis

Monday, March 16:

0029 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0740 – suspicious circumstance, 41000 bl. Wear Rd.
0931 – civil matter, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1027 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1203 – assault, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.
1207 – juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1327 – civil matter, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1340 – traffic complaint/hazard, 44000 bl. Kozma Trl.
1432 – follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.

1449 – civil matter, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1521 – civil matter, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1602 – civil matter, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1603 – traffic complaint/hazard, Clark/Judd
1646 – civil matter, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1742 – civil matter, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1806 – fire dept. assist, Nevada St.
1819 – civil matter, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1847 – juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark
2109 – juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark
2117 – motorist assist, Sumpter Rd./Wear
2119 – alarm, 8200 Rawsonville Rd.
2202 – suspicious person, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.

Tuesday, March 17:

0546 – civil matter, 18000 bl. Martinsville
0923 – follow-up investigation, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1205 – 911 hangup, Magnolia Dr.
1555 – recovered stolen vehicle, Stonecrest
1819 – citizen assist, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1956 – welfare check, Creekside Dr.
2113 – juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
Wednesday, March 18:
0503 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
0748 – juvenile matter, 19000 bl. Martinsville
0801 – fire dept. assist, California St.
1013 – fire dept. assist, Country Club Blvd.
1209 – 911 hangup, Utah Ct.
1456 – assault, Rustic Ln./Rawsonville Rd.
1501 – 911 hangup, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.
1509 – civil matter, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1538 – suspicious circumstance, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1542 – 911 hangup, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1613 – death investigation, Edgewood Dr.
2022 – suspicious circumstance, Stonecrest
Thursday, March 19:
0553 – assist other agency, Texas St.
0951 – fire dept. assist, Brookview Dr.
1111 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.
1137 – noise complaint, Carriage Ln.
1255 – juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1324 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1357 – suspicious circumstance, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
1442 – fraud complaint, New Mexico St.
1501 – fire dept. assist, Utah St.
1520 – follow-up investigation, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1535 – civil matter, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1618 – mental health call, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1640 – citizen assist, Edgewood Dr.
1816 – subpoena service, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1845 – subpoena service, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
2006 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
2347 – welfare check, 27000 bl. Martinsville
Friday, March 20:
0151 – 911 hangup, 42000 bl. Wear Rd.
0249 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.
0409 – mental health call, Magnolia Dr.
0728 – 911 hangup, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0818 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Bontekoe
0859 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1125 – suspicious circumstance, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1306 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1357 – follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1528 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1541 – civil matter, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1542 – traffic complaint/hazard, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1757 – suspicious circumstance, Edgewood
1812 – juvenile matter, Country Club Blvd.
1919 – family trouble, Brookview Dr.
1928 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2120 – welfare check, Country Club Blvd.
2144 – juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
2236 – fire dept. assist, Dakota Ct.
Saturday, March 21:
0022 – follow-up investigation, Brookview

0125 – suspicious circumstance, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0319 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1058 – family trouble, Mulberry Dr.
1204 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1236 – follow-up investigation, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1327 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1421 – follow-up investigation, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1440 – follow-up investigation, 25000 bl. Karr
1454 – suspicious circumstance, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1835 – follow-up investigation, 25000 bl. Karr
1857 – traffic complaint/hazard, Arizona St.
2117 – juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
2307 – alarm, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.
Also on this week's log were 118 patrol checks, 48 traffic stops and 11 misc. details.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Saturday, March 28** – Faith Community Church, 894 E. Huron River Dr., from 10 a.m. to noon, will offer an Easter Egg Hunt, face painting, games, candy, inflatables and food.
- **Saturday, March 28** – Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation presents Easter Celebration from noon to 2 p.m. at Graham Park, 24560 Sumpter Rd. Egg hunt, coloring contest, egg relay race and pictures with Flop-E-Bunny. Fun for the whole family.
- **Saturday, March 28** – “No Thrones, No Crowns, No Kings” demonstration from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1150 Canton Center Rd., Canton Township.
- **Sunday, March 29** – LifePointe Church will hold an Easter Egg Hunt at 1:30 p.m. for ages 12 and under on the church grounds at 45170 Hull Rd.
- **Monday, March 30 through Saturday, April 4** – Spring Break Fun at the Belleville Area District Library every day this week.
- **Wednesday, April 1** – Michigan Flight Museum Historic Presentation Night at 7:30 p.m. presents speaker Ric Mixter telling the story of Selfridge's first shipwreck rescue in 1966. Non-members \$10 per person. Museum members are free with registration. 47884 D Street, Willow Run Airport.

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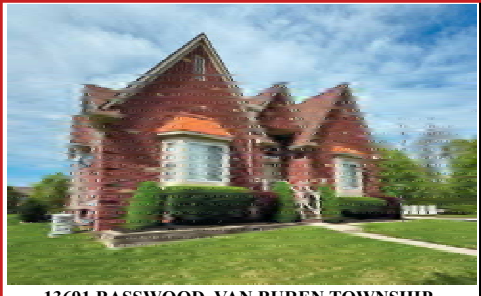
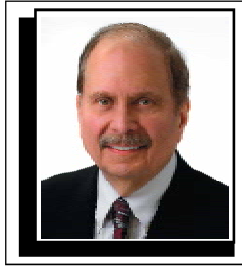
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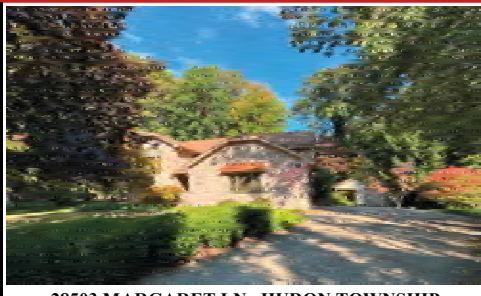
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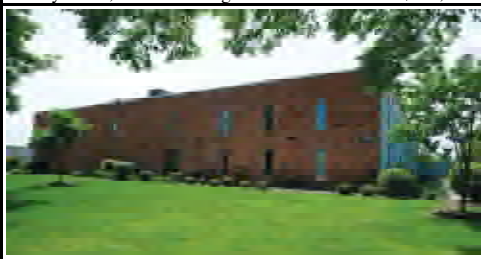
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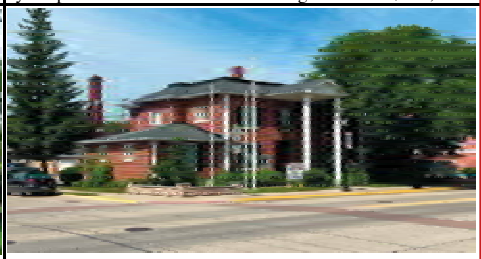
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